

NINETEEN YEARS

I was a school boy when the Armistice was signed in 1918, but nevertheless old enough for the conflicting emotions of that day to have remained vividly imprinted on my mind. Chief of them were relief and hope, a hope that was almost a faith that the final crisis in the history of mankind was past, that man had at last been taught in the agony of self-inflicted pain and fear the futility of force and the immorality of war. The years which followed increased those hopes, and confirmed that faith. Between the Armistice and the end of 1925 there were many signs that seemed to say that the ultimate lesson had been well learned. The spirit of vindictiveness that had demanded the hanging of the Kaiser and the penal mulcting of the Central powers, gradually gave way to a spirit of understanding and helpful sympathy. Austria was saved from financial chaos by international action. An eccumenical philanthropy sought to save from starvation the children even of Bolshevik Russia. This country refused to participate in the vindictive occupation of the Ruhr. The League of Nations was established, and by its solid achievements in conciliation and social research, overcame many early doubts and prejudices. There arose statesmen in many countries: men like Stresemann, Briand, Henderson, who spoke with the voice of reason and justice. Disarmament seemed no longer a chimera, and it seemed at last as if man might soon be free of the incubus of hate and the succubus of fear, free to live well.

But the hope of those seven years was quickly dimmed, and our faith has been sorely tried in the years which have followed. The evil seeds of vengeance, distrust, ambition and selfish folly were buried, not destroyed, and soon began to bud and blossom to their poisonous fruit. First, bad faith and thwarted ambition drove Italy to prostitute herself in the Temple of Fascism; then the freedom and promise of the new Germany succumbed under the oppression of vindictive demands for reparations, reparations which, despite Dawes plan and Young plan, were always undefined and seemed always interminable to a Germany struggling in vain to stand on its feet and raise its head high: reparations which were Jason's teeth to begot another Reich more terrible than ever Kaiser ruled, costing the victors already

more in armaments than was racked out of the struggling Republic. And now Japan has come, exaggerating the philosophy of nationalism and armed exploitation which the West so securely taught her, using the arms, the military science and the arguments of the West, with a thoroughness all her own, and we stand bewildered, fearful and ashamed.

It is only nineteen years, and already Disarmament seems a vanished dream. The League of Nations is bound by jealous national sovereignties in loquacious impotence, the free spirit of man seems to have bowed his head in the time of need to the seeming safety of authority. All will indeed be lost if we yield to the temptation to acquiesce. If we surrender now the faith in freedom, justice, and the law of righteousness, if we cease to practice the works of truth, knowledge and understanding, even in such seemingly small spheres as those of our individual and College life, we are surely guilty of high treason against the sovereignty of those who will come after us and whose fate lies so precariously in our hands.

R. R. B.

Books

AN APPEAL

At an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Union, held on Thursday, a letter was read from the Librarian. Many people were present and heard this, but for the benefit of those who were not, and in view of its serious nature, we call your attention to the matter again.

In her letter to the secretary of the Students' Council, Miss Powell (with whose permission we publish the following) states that at the end of last session some 200 Library books were found lying about in College, and in Halls, which had not been signed for in the proper way. The Library Committee, very naturally, take a serious view of the matter and have resolved that, if this negligence continues, stringent measures must be taken. By appealing through Students' Council to all who use the Library to be as careful as possible to sign for books which they take out, and impressing upon them the desirability of honourable behaviour in this matter, the Librarian hopes to see a clear improvement during the term.

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Editorial.

When we review the achievements of the post-war generation, it is with some misgiving and the feeling that those who set out to make the world anew, spent too much time censuring the mistakes of their elders, and too little time in genuine reconstruction.

During these nineteen years, scientific progress has been unparallelled. For the first time the Armistice Service in Whitehall is to be televised, the G.P.O., announce that the three-millionth telephone is on the way, and from a cabin on the *Queen Mary*, one can ring up Highfield Hall.

Yet such is the human capacity for mis-management that one of the chief uses of science has been to create engines of destruction, which may well soon be used to blow up Whitehall, the G.P.O., the *Queen Mary*, and Highfield Hall.

The solution of the major problems of the day lies within man's own grasp.

Man must be taught to think for himself—not to rely upon a fatalistic creed, or a divine belief in the "status quo."

We cannot but deplore the present tendency to cry out for a "leader"—surely the sign of an infantile psychology.

Has the shadow of the machine obscured the Individuality of which we were once so proud?

Can we hope that something may be done to save the present generation before "the lights go out over Europe once more..."?

Yet in moments of intellectual arrogance, we doubt whether a generation that flocks to see Shirley Temple on Saturday night, deserves to be saved.

1. The Editor is not responsible for the views expressed in signed articles.

2. Correspondents are asked to make their letters as brief and to the point as possible.

3. The Editor regrets that, owing to lack of space, it is impossible to print *Society* reports unless they have genuine news value.

Correspondence

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I gladly accept your invitation to make a statement on the question of Colours, which has loomed so large in your correspondence columns, as there evidently exists a great deal of misapprehension on the subject.

It would appear from some of the letters, that Colours are awarded in an extremely haphazard manner, with no guiding principles upon which to base the awards, but this is far from being the case. The present system has gradually evolved as a result of long experience, and by careful examination of the systems adopted in other Universities, and may briefly be described as follows:

The Captain of each Club is authorised to prepare his nominations for Full and Half Colours, and in so doing, to have due regard to (a) merit or proficiency, and (b) service. The nominations are submitted to the Committee by the Captains, but in the first instance, and this is important, no names are mentioned. The Captain merely states that he has so many Full Colours to recommend, and so many Half Colours. The Committee do not feel competent to judge on the personal side as to who should, or should not, have Colours, as they feel that this is the prerogative of the Captain, who is in much the best position to assess the merits of the individual members of his team. The Committee is concerned, however, with two very important matters: (1) that the standard of Colours in each Club should be maintained as from year to year, and (2) that there should be as much uniformity as is possible in the standard of the awards as between the various Clubs in the Athletic Union. The Captain in each case is therefore required to furnish a statement of the results of the matches played by his Club, with particular reference to University games, and the number of Colours recommended is then compared with the number awarded in the preceding year. With the recommendations of all the Clubs before the Committee, a general discussion and criticism takes place, and it frequently happens that a Captain is told that on the strength of his team's results, or by comparison with the previous year's awards, or again by comparison with the number of nominations of the other clubs, his recommendations are either too numerous or too few, and the Captain's quota is amended accordingly. Every effort is thus made to maintain a uniform standard from year to year, and also to secure uniformity between the various Clubs. It is only when the nameless lists have been finally approved that the Captains read out the names, which are formally approved by the Committee.

I am afraid there is not the space here to enable me to reply in detail to the various criticisms which have been made about the system, but I hope to do this at the next General Meeting of the Athletic Union, when an opportunity will be given for a full discussion on the subject.

There is just one point, however, which I should like to deal with here. Several of the correspondents have questioned the motives of the Captains in preparing their lists, and have implied that they have been guilty of favouritism and other personal considerations. I can only say in reply to this charge, that since taking over the Chairmanship of the Athletic Union, nothing has impressed me more than the conscientious manner in which the Captains have invariably discharged their responsibilities in this difficult matter. The system may not be a perfect one, but the Captains, at all events, have been faithful to their trust, and have prepared their recommendations without fear or favour.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE GRANT,
(Chairman of the Athletic Union).

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

Dear Sir,

Having just left the Union meeting concerning the helping of Chinese students, I feel that if I do not say something soon, I shall boil over. Not being versed in the ways of public oratory, I know that if I had spoken at the

meeting, I would not have carried my point.

At this meeting, I received a pamphlet telling me what privations Chinese students are going through, and also telling me that a large sum of money is needed to help these students, and would I be so kind as to subscribe.

Well, surely there are thousands of people on our doorstep who need this kind of help. Why, one has only to walk along the Embankment on a cold winter's night, or to travel through any distressed area to see what hardships our countrymen are enduring.

I'm sure that such a large sum of money as is being sent to the help of various Universities in China could be put to a far better purpose in our own country.

Yours, etc.,
A STUDENT.

NOTE.—In future, when sending letters, correspondents must give their name, but may request that only a pseudonym be printed. Anonymous letters cannot be published.

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

Dear Sir,

There may be some students in the College who are interested in Pacifist views and who would welcome opportunities of discussing them. A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday next (9th November) in Room 29, at 1.20 p.m., when the formation of a Society for this purpose will be considered. All who are at all interested in Pacifism are invited to attend.

Yours truly,
L. F. LAMERTON.
J. P. COPSON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

I would like, through the medium of *Wessex News*, to thank everybody who responded so well to the appeal for L. M. Wallace, which appeared in your columns a fortnight ago. The final sum received has not yet been arrived at, but it will, I think, be no less than £6. We certainly did "have a good smack at it."

Yours, etc.,
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ATHLETIC UNION

Further honour has this week been bestowed upon University College, Southampton; following on the selection of L. M. Wallace to represent England in the Empire Games, the Women, not wishing to be outdone, have contributed their share to the prestige of the A.U., by the selection of Miss Barker to represent the W.I.V.A.B. at Netball and Miss Comben as reserve in the same game, following the trial which was played in London last Saturday. This news is indeed heartening, and seems to point to a new respect for the standard of sport which has been attained by the A.U. We offer our most hearty congratulations to both Miss Barker and Miss Comben; Perhaps the A.U. committee will feel that the least it can do to express its congratulations in a material manner will be to present the Netball Club with a new Netball pitch!

The results of last Wednesday's and Saturday's matches do not at first glance appear too encouraging, but a deeper examination shows that all is not so bad as at first appears. Most encouraging is perhaps the much improved display of the Men's Hockey team. Strengthened by the return of Robinson and Wareham, they just lost a very close and exciting game to Pembroke College, Oxford. This improvement is especially welcome in view of the U.A.U. fixture against Bristol to-morrow at 11 a.m. To all who are not playing games, we do appeal to you to come and support vociferously your team on the touch-line.

The defeat of the Rugby Club was only gained by the absence of four regular members, and against a very strong Old Sarum X.V., so here is no cause for tears. We expect to see the Rugby XV resume its conquering march very soon.

A depleted Soccer XI did well to draw with South Hants Nomads, after defeating Taunton's the previous Wednesday. The loss of Wallace, Newland and Coles must be making itself felt even now.

The Cross Country Club crashed badly; Eastleigh are probably the strongest team in Hampshire, and will probably win the Southern Thames Junior Championship next week, so there is no cause for undue alarm. Netball, without Joan, Olive and Edie, continued their winning ways by defeating Winchester, 21-15.

RUGGER.

U.C.S. O. R.A.F. Old Sarum 'A' 7 Wednesday, Nov. 3rd.

For this match, College again had to field a team without four of its regular members, and the consequent weakness was most apparent in the outsides. Though more equally matched than in some previous matches the

College forwards had the better of most set scrums and loose play and they were for the most part successful in the line-outs. In measure as our attack lacked fire, the visitors displayed excellent speed and ball control, though their finishing was not too good. In the first half Old Sarum went ahead with a dropped goal and in the second half their left wing scored a good try near the corner flag to make the final score 7-0 against the College.

MEN'S HOCKEY

U.C.S. 2, Pembroke Coll. Oxon 3.

The opening exchanges were very even. College quickly settled down and easily held the Pembroke attack until about a quarter of an hour after the start when the home side scored a good goal.

After this, College attacked vigorously, but had the misfortune to see many shots either blocked or else just off the mark. About a minute from half time Robinson scored.

For the second half Pembroke rearranged their forward line, and it had much more thrust. Their centre got away fairly quickly and scored. They held their lead for only a short while before Robinson again scored for Coll.

College were having very bad luck with their shooting and four successive short corners failed to bring a goal. Jones scored then attacked and their centre scored again after rounding three men.

The match was a very even one, and College put up a much better show than in any previous match. There was still a lack of understanding between backs and halves; the halves as a rule being too far up the field when most required in defence.

The inside forwards played well, but the wingers, though better than of late, failed to make the most of many chances.

SOCCER.

U.C.S. 2, Taunton's 1.

On Wednesday the 1st XI beat Taunton's School 2-1 on the school ground. Jones scored for the College in the first half, and Belton from a corner, in the second. College would have won by a bigger margin had the finishing been better.

On Saturday, at Swaythling, the 1st XI drew with South Hants Nomads, 2-2. Right from the kick-off, Eden shot narrowly wide after a good movement. College scored first when a centre from the right was deflected into the goal by a South Hants defender. The Nomads soon equalised, and the score at half time was 1-1.

For long periods of the second half, College were very half-hearted; then Eden netted from a penalty, making the score 2-2. Soon after, the Nomads were awarded a penalty but Smith saved well. In the latter stages, the College played up well, so that the game finished excitingly.

CROSS COUNTRY.

U.C.S., 80, E.A.C., 31.

The C.C.C. were heavily defeated by Eastleigh A.C. at Eastleigh on Saturday, and the victors deserve our congratulations on some really excellent team work. At the start, the home pack set a very fast pace and continued to run splendidly over the whole course. After about a mile and a half, Pirrie, the Club's latest acquisition, fought his way into the home pack and finished fifth. Burroughs and Newton-Smith finished 10th together, and the rest of the U.C.S. pack came in close behind them.

When we consider that Eastleigh A.C. has probably the strongest Cross-Country team in the county, we have no reason to be ashamed of our defeat, heavy though it was.

SWIMMING CLUB.

Club Night ----- Tuesdays.
Place ----- Corporation Baths.
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All interested in aquatic gymnastics are invited to try their skill on Club night.

NETBALL.

U.C.S., 21, Winchester C.H.S., 15.

College began attacking strongly and gained a lead of two goals. Winchester, however, soon warmed to the game; their play was consistently good and their system of passing into the circle kept our defence guessing, but their shooting was inaccurate.

Although the game resulted in a victory for College, our play lacked both style and variation.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

College sent 2 representatives for the W.I.V.A.B. Hockey Trials, held at Nottingham last Saturday. Miss Luff played in the first group, and combined well with her right wing, in general maintaining a fairly high standard of play. Miss Dade unfortunately had to wait for the second game, and after getting thoroughly cold, she did not show her usual form. Although neither representative was chosen for the team, U.C.S. may provide one or two reserves.

U.C.S. 1st XI, 0, Countryside, 9.

This was an extremely good game. Seven of the Countryside Club's team were 1st XI County players and the centre half was an international.

From the start, Countryside attacked strongly, and College defence were kept very busy, and although everyone played well, particularly the goalkeeper, College were 5 goals down at half time. By no means discouraged, however, the College forward line periodically raided the Countryside goal.

After half time, the swiftly-moving Countryside forwards kept the College defence on the run, and 4 more goals added to Countryside's score.

Highfield Entertains

"A good show—the best yet!" Every year this verdict is passed on Highfield Entertainment—and proudly accepted as true by the complacent hostesses.

The guests seemed to be in a hurry to begin; a pathetic little bunch appeared on the doorstep before opening time—greeted by no fair hostess, only welcomed by the baleful glare of a gey!

The Spirit of Fireworks pervaded the whole Hall; coloured stars showered from the lights, outside Roman Candles stood fat and tall on the fireplace, rockets curled up the walls. The same abandon infected the dancers; the humbler members of the community pursued their decorous way while the Mighty, revered by the Union and the Education Department, danced and gambolled. A whistle dance packed the floor with a seething mass, bumping, shuffling, doing anything except a Viennese Waltz, and giving Wife ample opportunity for observing new and unexpected talent. In pleasing contrast, was an exhibition polka—"by desire."

The high spot of the evening was, of course, the Entertainment. A darkened stage, conspirators, lanterns, the Dead March—what could hold out more promise of a successful show. Ask who was the very high light of it all. Ask them to describe the Prime Minister to you—and imitate him better if you can! The audience, if not edified was uproariously and gloriously amused. The evening flew by; again the crowd on the doorstep—and another Entertainment brought to an end.

CHESS CLUB.

The result of the 'A' Team's Hants League match against a strong Old Tauntonians' team is still undecided. The score stands at 2-2, with one board for adjudication, which will probably result in a draw. The College showed superiority on the bottom boards, their opponents on the top.

Elementary slips robbed the team which played a friendly match against Peter Symonds' School, of a decisive victory. The result was a 3-2 win for the College with one board for adjudication (probably a draw).

Next Wednesday the 'B' Team plays King Edward's School, and on Saturday, the 'A' entertains Portsmouth in a Hants League match.

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From the Captain of the Shove-Halfpenny Club, to the Editor of *Wessex News*.

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Yours sincerely,
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From Miss Virginia Crawley, to the President of the Union.

Dear Sir,
I am contemplating putting a large quantity of Epsom Salts in the Senior Common Room's coffee and thought I had better write to ask what the ramifications of such a rag might be. Would this be regarded by authority as a purely "internal" rag?

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An eminent scientist recently declared that the theory of Cause and Effect which was so popular during the last century, is being replaced now by a theory of Chance. There remains, however, much evidence in favour of the former theory, and it is still true (as the Bible declares) that "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Fortunately, however, the effect does not invariably follow the cause for otherwise this College would be a mighty heap of ruins: with the exception of the older Universities and the British Navy, I think I have never met an organisation more riddled with snobbery than U.C.S.

The practice we have of wearing gowns (and probably this applies more particularly to the wearing of graduate gowns) is merely the outward and visible sign of an inward feeling that we are on a different plane from the man in the street cut above the fellow next door, and rather proud of it. It is a silly custom, anyway, and often reduces itself to absurdity in the tatters displayed by some people as "gowns." Are we any the more academic for wearing them? Is the practice, in fact, of any use to anyone (except the manufacturers)? Or is it merely a slavish imitation by Baby Wessex of the senseless customs of its bigger brothers, Oxford and Cambridge?

And why on earth must we call our Heads of Department "Professor"? For the same reason, I imagine, that a certain part of Portsmouth is so widely advertised as Sunny Southsea—simply because it is a high-sounding name (had it been called "Langstone-on-Mud," it would still be plain "Portsmouth.") A man who came here from another College once remarked: "They were just plain Heads of Department at—!" And why not? It is just as good a term as "Professor," isn't it? It conveys more and is a good deal less snobbish.

Hitherto, however, we have been more or less free from the "Pukka Sahibian," "Eton and Trinity Third" kind of snobbery prevalent in the older Universities; but now there comes a man who talks of getting High Tea in Refec. in terms like this: "Dinner, of course, is not a meal—it's a ceremony; but having been gentlemen four nights a week, I think we might revert to the practices of the lower classes for once!"—Lower classes? In what sense "lower"?—tell me that, you snobs!

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Menace of Fascism.

At the recent Town Council elections, a Fascist candidate polled 29 votes. If we don't take action soon, there may be 30 votes next year.

It has been said that the only thing lacking at Highfield on Saturday, was a Rugger Ball.

ANOTHER CYNIC SAYS:

Even when Highfield gets a Students' phone, Stoneham will get to know the number.

Appreciation

We take the liberty of reprinting part of a letter which was recently sent to the Business Manager with the annual subscription for *Wessex News*.

"—May I say how old Hartleyans appreciate the up-to-date news of our U.C.S. My copy is always passed round a quite large circle of friends and finishes up at Lincoln—they won't afford their own copies unfortunately; I'm such a bad saleswoman—"

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Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 9th.

6 p.m. Choral Society. Music Studio.
5 p.m. Inter-Departmental Lecture on Syntax. Room 31.
8 p.m. 6th Lecture of a series of Ten University Extension Lectures on "Living English," by Dr. S. Potter.

Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

7.30 p.m. Institute of Electrical Engineers. Hans Sub-Centre. Botany Theatre.

Thursday, Nov. 11th.

1.20 p.m. Choir Practice. Music Studio.
1.20 p.m. Architecture Society. Room 1.
5.15 p.m. Choral Society. Music Studio.
7.30 p.m. Southampton and District Gardeners' Society. "Shows and Showing," Mr. E. Montague.

Friday, Nov. 12th.

1.20 p.m. Christian Union. Room 35.
5.30 p.m. Biological Society. "Among the Natural Wonders of North America," Dr. E. M. Lind. Botany Lecture Theatre.
5.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. D. Nichol Smith, M.A., D.Litt., Merton Professor of English Literature in the University of Oxford.
8 p.m. Modern Languages Association. Hall.
8 p.m. 6th Lecture of a series of Ten University Extension Lectures by Mr. G. Marples. "The Architecture of our Churches and Cathedrals."

Saturday, Nov. 13th.

10 a.m. Socialist Society Study Circle.
11.15 a.m. League of Nations. Mr. John Davison on "World Politics in the Far East." Music Studio.
Connaught Hall Entertainment.

Sunday, Nov. 14th.

9.45 a.m. Collegiate Service at St. Mary's, South Stoneham. Preacher: The Rev. K. N. Ross, M.A. Vice-Principal of Salisbury Theological College.

Monday, Nov. 15th.

1.20 p.m. Gramophone Club. Room 31.
5 p.m. Lecture Inaugural to the Chair of Mathematics, delivered by Professor H. S. Ruse, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.E., on "Relativity and Modern Physics."
8 p.m. 7th Lecture of a series of Ten University Extension Lectures on "Psychological Basis of Religion," by Professor A. A. Cock.

The inaugural lecture by the Professor of Mathematics, on "Relativity and Modern Physics," will be delivered in the Assembly Hall on Monday, November 15th at 4.30 p.m. Full academic dress must be worn.

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